

PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

A MEETING OF CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY,

*In relation to the Currency.*

JUNE 26, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a large and respectable meeting of the democratic citizens of Montgomery county, convened at the public house of Jacob Spang, in the borough of Norristown, on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 1834, Dr. John H. Hill was called to the chair, and Enos L. Reiff and James M. Pawling officiated as Secretaries.

The object of the meeting was then stated from the Chair, and, after some appropriate remarks from Jacob Fry, Jr., Esquire, it was resolved that a committee be selected to draught resolutions for the consideration of the meeting. Whereupon, the following named persons were appointed, viz. Jacob Fry, Jr., William Powell, James M. Pawling, Enos L. Reiff, Philip Hoover, Samuel E. Leech, John Todd, Adam Slemmer, and Charles Kugler.

After conferring together for a short time, Jacob Fry, Jr., Esquire, from the committee appointed for the purpose, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were read, considered, and unanimously adopted :

Whereas it is the unalienable right of freemen fearlessly to assemble, and fully to express their opinions and sentiments upon all questions of interest and importance to their country and to themselves; and whereas the Bank of the United States, an institution created by our representatives on an emergency, has, since its creation, gradually entwined its golden chains around a portion of the people of our common country, and has, at length, by the exercise of an influence unwarrantable and unjustifiable, as well by the object of its creation as by its corporate powers, risen in its might, and has dared to attempt to control the freedom of elections, to corrupt and destroy the purity of the press, and, at will, to direct and restrain the Government of the country: Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we are decidedly opposed to the recharter of the United States Bank, and that, as republicans, we will oppose, by all justifiable means, every institution having a tendency to corrupt, subvert, or control the Government.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States, and that we are entirely opposed to their restoration.

*Resolved*, That we have the fullest confidence in the patriotism and integrity of our venerable Chief Magistrate, Andrew Jackson, and his cabinet, and that their measures receive our unqualified approbation.

*Resolved*, That we highly approve of the views of our worthy Governor, George Wolf, in his late message relative to the financial condition of this commonwealth, and to the course taken by the Bank of the United States, and we have full confidence that he will ever adhere to sound democratic principles, and use his utmost endeavors to protect the rights and privileges of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

*Resolved*, That the fearless, firm, and patriotic course pursued by Roger B. Taney, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury, in effecting a removal of the public deposits, merits our warmest approbation.

*Resolved*, That the acknowledgments of this meeting are due to Messrs. Wilkins, Benton, and others, of the United States Senate, and to Messrs. Mann, Muhlenberg, Polk, and others, of the House of Representatives, for their firm, fearless, and manly exertions in opposing the Bank faction, and for their faithful support of the administration.

The following resolution, offered by Samuel D. Patterson, was unanimously adopted by the meeting:

*Resolved*, That the firm and unequivocal stand taken by the honorable Joel K. Mann, our immediate Representative in Congress, against the encroachments of a moneyed aristocracy, and in support of the wise and patriotic measures of General Jackson's administration, entitle him, particularly, to our hearty thanks and most cordial approbation.

*Resolved*, That we deem it unnecessary further to memorialize Congress on the subject of the removal of the public deposits, or the recharter of the United States Bank, inasmuch as the question has already been brought to a decision in the House of Representatives of the United States.

*Resolved*, That we congratulate our democratic fellow-citizens on the glorious triumph achieved by the representatives of the people in the House of Representatives of the United States, and that the decisive vote by which it was resolved "that the Bank of the United States ought not to be rechartered," is, and ought to be, hailed with feelings of ardent satisfaction by all who love their country, and are alive to the dangers which would threaten the people, should the existence of so corrupt and insidious a foe to our free institutions be extended or prolonged.

*Resolved*, That these proceedings be published in the democratic papers of the county, and in such other democratic papers as may see proper to copy the same.

JOHN H. HILL, *Chairman*.

ENOS L. REIFF,

JAMES M. PAWLING,

*Secretaries.*